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Hello Nebraska WOT Ladies!

I hope the officers at all chapters have settled in to their new positions and have the year organized and ready to go!

Your State Board and I met in Lincoln on May 21<sup>st</sup> for the first meeting of 2011-12. We talked about goals, recruiting, programming changes and having a State WOT Facebook page. It's important to get the word out about all the awesome things Women of Today do!

Since taking over as President I have installed the new officers for Nebraska City, participated in the LaVista Daze parade with the Monarch chapter, attended the May and June Meeting for Lincoln and attended the June meeting for the Monarch chapter. My goal is to visit a meeting or attend an event hosted by each chapter. Please keep me informed of what is going on in your chapters so I can come to see the awesome things you are doing for your community.

At their June meeting the Monarch chapter and I discussed the upcoming State Meeting in Lincoln on July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Plans are going well and it is going to be a fun and informational meeting! Several ladies from Nebraska are attending the National Convention this month in Pennsylvania and we will have an update from them also at the Summer Meeting. Please make sure to get your registration sent so you can join us!



Don't forget... ...The Power of Teamwork!

See you soon!

Kim Herman  
State President

**The Power of Teamwork!**

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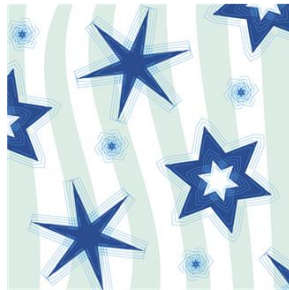
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## Membership VP

Hello Ladies,

I would like to remind you all that my overall goal this year is for each chapter to have 100% retention. Chapters who accomplish this each trimester will be recognized. It is very important to retain the STAR members we have. ALL of you great ladies are a big asset to this organization. You ALL brighten up your communities, our state, and nation.

**July emphasis is EXTENSIONS and MEMBERSHIP.** All chapters will be recognized who works on an extension and/or recruits a new member by July 31. M nights are a lot of fun. Make it simple. Tell everyone why you joined this organization and the many great things you get out of this organization. Remember to send me your new member adds by the first of each month. These must be sent into the national membership vice president by the first of the month.



Here are a few things your chapter may consider in getting prospective members. Have a brochure of what NWOT and your chapter has to offer and place them in businesses and send to prospective. Have an informational booth at malls and fairs. Invite prospective members and their families to socials you have for your families. Always keep a brochure with you in case someone comes up to you and asks about what WOT is all about. You can give this to them and invite them and their children (when you have family and kids events) to your next meeting or event. Make it fun. Make it simple and to the point. Always try to keep things going on track. Be creative and have fun.

Thank you,

## “Let’s Keep Our Star Members And Grow “

### STEP

I would like for all of you to stay involved in the S.T.E.P .program this year. All you new members need to complete STEP I within your first 120 days in the organization. STEP II is for those of you in your first year. Anyone from 1 to 5 years are to complete STEP III. Those who have more than 6 years must complete the new form which is STEP IV. If you need any forms I have them. I will be glad to send them to you. Your local Presidents should also have them. June emphasis month is STEP. I would like for all chapters to participate in this during the month of June. Have this on your agenda. Do a STEP Orientation. Send me a copy of what you did and who attended. Also a copy of your agenda. I just want you

all to have fun and STEP UP AND BE HEARD because your voices do matter. this. Thank you. Lets All of us:

## S.T.E.P. Up and Be Heard (your voice matters)

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## Local Presidents Association

Ladies,

The Success System will be given to you at the July summer meeting. Due to the programming changes, the Success System also needs to be updated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you need to send anything via mail, please send it to my parent’s address. If you need their address, contact my mom or myself.

Thank you! I hope to see you all at Summer Meeting!

Jessica Urlacher  
LPA President  
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## Chaplain

Hello,

TUG (Totally Understand God)

As we TUG together, I’m the first to admit when things don’t go the way I plan, like or want I don’t TUG. I look up to the sky, yell, scream and ask, “why me, why now?” I need to stop, think and “listen” as God tries to tell me something I don’t want to hear. If we all look back on our lives..... We’ve all had things happen to us that just didn’t go OUR way; however God has taught us something from that..... It may have taken us a few hours, days months or years to learn from it, or like me..... I have yet to learn my lesson from a few things, for I’m still TUGGING on God..... how about you ???

Kathy Morrow  
State Chaplain  
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## Programming

My fellow Members,  
This month I would like to highlight one of our state areas, which is *Governmental Affairs*, I feel this is a very important area for all of us. I believe each one of us should be involved in our government on local, state and national area.

This year I will be offering a special incentive for every member that certifies in this area. I will also be offering a special incentive for each chapter that certifies in this area. So, let's see how many certification I receive for first trimester, remember the first trimester ends July 30th. I will need all certifications postmarked to me by August 1<sup>st</sup> (I will accept emails).

Now, you ask how can I certify in this area, please check with your chapter president, as the form is in the Guide for Action. I will also be mailing it out in my first trimester newsletter within the a week.

I do want to clarify one area, when ask to attend a local government body meeting and give a report to your chapter. It has been changed that you can watch a government meeting on television (local, state or national). Then you can give a report to me.

July 4<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner, so please display your flags, if so you have completed one step of your certification

I also believe we can give our support to our troops overseas. I would like to see each of our chapters be involved in this area. I think of all the times these men and women put their lives in jeopardy for our freedom.

At our board retreat it was decided to have a *training session* on the new program area. So, please make plans to attend Summer Convention in Lincoln on July 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Your programming team is looking forward to the training session.

Maxine Turner  
Programming Vice President  
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## Chairman of the Board

Hello ladies: At this time the delegation from Nebraska is getting ready to go to National convention in Pennsylvania. I'm sure we will have a great time & I'm looking forward to bringing home all of the awards that you ladies worked so hard for this past year! You should all be proud of your efforts! I can't wait to hand out all the surprises at Summer meeting in Lincoln!

Laura Wachter  
NE State President 2010-2011  
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## Treasurer

Hello Ladies,  
In my last article I have my fast start included in my article. They are due to me on or before August 1st. Remember that your 990's need to be filed as soon as you can get them in. Please let me know who your contact is for treasurer and also for Domestic violence. Once the wedding is over I will be sending out information about Domestic Violence. I will be very busy this year and I would like some ideas for items for the state store. Please send to me as soon as you can So I can have them at summer Convention. I am ready and willing to help out you in any way I can. I will email budgets out so that everyone knows what budget you have. Chapter Treasurers please send me your plan of action for your year. I will also be sending a copy of mine. Let's have a great time this year.

Cindy Urlacher  
State Treasurer  
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## Region 3 Director

Hello ladies in Region 3! I'm still waiting for a Region 3 chapter to step up and volunteer to Host a Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser for Nebraska Friends of Foster Children, this Fall. If YOUR Chapter would like to be the host site for this event, please let me know. All you have to do is find/secure the bowling alley. I will do the rest! If you are interested in hosting, please contact me and we'll work out a date that works for your chapter. I'm off to Pittsburg, where the USWT Annual Meeting is being held, to learn all I can about the new Programming areas and Certifications, so these can be shared with your chapter. Region 3 chapters are Lincoln, Beatrice, Sterling and Nebraska City. If your chapter has a project you need help with this summer, please let me know. I would love to visit and give you a hand!

Kelley Rosburg  
Region 3 Director  
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## Parliamentarian

This month's "Parli Tip of the Month" is: CALLING FOR THE QUESTION: No single Member may end debate by calling out "Question!" Such a call is out of order if the member has not been recognized. The only way to end debate is by moving the Previous Question, which requires a 2/3 vote to adopt (and subsequently end debate).

Local Parli's - Here is your Parliamentary "Question of the Month" – HOW LONG CAN A MEMBER SPEAK ON A TOPIC?



If you know the answer to this, Please email me the answer before Summer Convention. I will put the name of the first person who gets the answer correct, in a drawing to be held at Annual Convention!

Kelley Rosburg  
Parliamentarian  
[krosburg2@cox.net](mailto:krosburg2@cox.net)

## Today's Youth

Ladies,  
Remember to celebrate **Friendship Day** with your youth in your chapter. Our youth always enjoys a play date with their friends.

Please take time out of your busy schedules to plan a **Friendship Day** celebration with your children. This will be celebrated the full third week in August.

This month I would like everyone to sit down and speak to the children about Fireworks Safety.

### Common Sense Fireworks Safety Tips

- Always use under adult supervision
- Read and follow instructions
- Always keep water and sand nearby
- NEVER light indoors use only OUTDOORS
- Never try to make your own fireworks
- Never relight fireworks that appear to have gone out
- Only light one at a time
- Never allow small children to go near fireworks
- Store in a cool dry place
- Never lean over top of fireworks to light them
- Tie hair back, wear safety goggles and no loose fitting clothes
- Sparklers should be immersed in sand once they appear out - they are still very hot and can burn



Enjoy the show and stay safe around fireworks!

If your chapter has a project coming up in the near future, please include the youth in your community. We need to instill volunteerism into our future leaders.

If you have any questions about this area, please feel free to contact me.

Maxine Turner  
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## CHAPTER CHATTER

### Kearney

A pretty quiet month here in Kearney for our Women of Today--mostly just relaxing after putting on the April Convention! What a fabulous experience for all of us! New officers are taking over and learning the role. Several officers are continuing on in roles they had last year but we do have a new President--Congratulations to Kim Troutd (Boy I hope she has a little bit of experience to bring to the office!!) and our newest member Kathryn Wilson is our Vice President. We look forward to the new ideas she brings from her old chapter in Minnesota (she is new to us but not new to WOT).



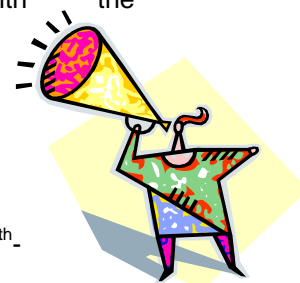
We are looking forward to Relay for Life here in Buffalo County on June 10-11! Our chapter has always be very proud to participate in this event. Unfortunately it falls on the same weekend at WOT National Conference so we lose members to this. We are not planning a really complicated campsite because of the small amount of members we have available. However, those members available are signed up as a team and we all plan to raise money and go to walk! It should be a great night! The Kearney WOT are looking forward to a great summer! Nikki Runge  
Chapter Secretary

### Heartland

The Heartland Chapter has several members attending the USWT National Convention in PA, and are looking forward to learning more about the new Programming areas. We will have several members attend the Melodrama at Mahoney State Park, in honor of Founder's Day and have also been collecting personal care items for the Lydia House DV Shelter. Kelley Rosburg

### Nebraska City

The Nebraska City chapter is getting ready for our Annual Founder's Day/ 4<sup>th</sup> of July coloring contest. This is one of our favorite projects and a great one for getting a lot of fundraiser, making tray favors for a local Nursing Home, helping with the "Celebrate Lincoln" Ethnic Festival and attending Habitat House dedications, where we donate "Buckets" of cleaning supplies each year. We look forward to hosting our annual Founder's Day Melodrama at Mahoney State Park on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can join us! Kelley Rosburg



## Lincoln

The Lincoln Chapter has been busy helping with the MS Walk, Cedar's Youth Services Annual Golf fundraiser, making tray favors for a local Nursing Home, helping with the "Celebrate Lincoln" Ethnic Festival and attending Habitat House dedications, where we donate "Buckets" of cleaning supplies each year. We look forward to hosting our annual Founder's Day Melodrama at Mahoney State Park on June 28<sup>th</sup> - we hope you can join us!

## Fremont

Fremont Area chapter is busy getting ready for their big fundraiser. They are also working on getting their youth group organized for a new year. They have also registered with the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce.  
Maxine Turner Secretary/Treasurer

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# Nebraska Women of Today Future Directions Committee Meeting Minutes April 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Cindy Urlacher at 8:54pm. State President Laura Wachter was appointed as secretary.

Members in attendance were: Kathryn Wilson, Karen Gruber, Amy Hardy, Pam Matney, Deb Hale, Christine Rice, Kim Troutd, Kelley Rosburg, Jessica Urlacher, Julie Fogleman, Mandie Williams, Kathy Morrow, Jan Maaske, Sunni Nordhausen, Angela Moody, Joyce Harpster, Nicole Runge, Carol Porter, Lynn Ploeger, Laura Wachter and Cindy Urlacher.

The meeting minutes from November were approved as printed.

Additions/ corrections to the agenda- the By-Law change for National was added.

### Old Business:

**Guide, Operations Manuals and Program Manuals:** work will begin on these on 5-1-11 when the new programming changes go into effect.

**5 year plan-** Progress needs to be made. This was discussed extensively and it was decided that it needed to be simplified. One thing in each area was chosen so we can make progress and be able to take it off the list. **Training:** Materials will be updated by Annual convention 2012 and Local Officer Training will be conducted in February & March each year. **Membership:** State growth goal is Base + 1 each year. **New First Timers/Orientation books:** will be revised by Fall Convention 2011. There will be one book that can be used from year to year. **Attendance at State Conventions:** Increase member participation by promoting the availability of the first timer's scholarship for free registration. **Marketing:** Update and modernize the NWT website by funding and retaining a website designer to recreate the State and local chapter websites and make it user friendly for chapters to add/ change their information. A report of the approximate costs will be ready at summer convention 2011. And the use of other social media tools will be explored

**Website:** Money needs to be spent here. Kim Troutd is looking for a possible college student who needs a project to work on. She will have information by July.

**State Project Governor's Mansion:** We are unable to find the wish list on the website.

**Convention bid Contract:** This being updated and revised.

**Delicious Deliveries:** Available this weekend. All proceeds go to the first timer's scholarship fund.

### New Business:

**National Mid-Year Convention fund:** There is a surplus in this account that needs to be disbursed. Future Directions will recommend at the business meeting that the \$1,375.96 surplus be used for updating and maintaining the website.

**Deb Stein donation of \$25:** Future Directions will recommend that this be donated to Friends of Foster Families.

**By-Law change:** There is a proposed motion that will be discussed at Year-End National convention in Pittsburgh, PA. The motion is to amend a Membership By-Law as follows: Article III, Section 5. C: An individual may only be listed on the roster as a member of one chapter. The proposed motion was discussed and will be presented at the general membership meeting for further discussion.

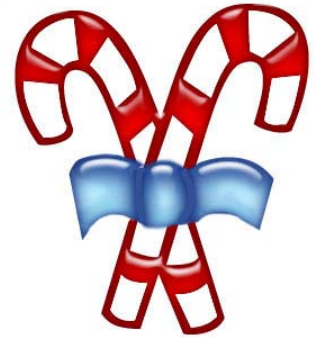
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the Nebraska Women of Today creed at 9:56p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Wachter, Secretary

# Nebraska Woman of Today Summer Convention



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Early

Business Meeting 4.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon 16.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$20.00

Late (After July 4th)

Business Meeting 4.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon 21.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$25.00

Registrations are due by **July 4, 2011**

Make checks payable to **Monarch Women of Today**

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